

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: IKOMA et al.

Serial No.: Rule 53(b) of 09/299,644

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USE IN DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT FOR CONVERTING DATA FORMAT  
BETWEEN PROGRAM LANGUAGE-SPECIFIC FORMAT USED IN  
RESPECTIVE COMPUTERS AND STREAM FORMAT USED FOR  
COMMUNICATION AMONG COMPUTERS

Art Unit: Unassigned (previously 2151 in parent application)

Examiner: Unassigned (previously D. Cao in parent application)

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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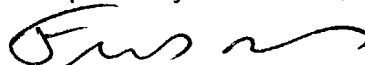
Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR §1.55, the Applicants hereby claim the  
right of priority based on the following foreign application(s) filed in Japan:

Application No. 10-118121 filed on April 28, 1998

A Certified copy of this Japanese application was filed on April 27, 1999, in  
application Serial No. 09/299,644, the ancestor application of the present  
continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,



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